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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Sachetto et al

Serial No. 09/508,661

Examiner George

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Art Unit 1616

For: XANTHAN GUM AND HPMC FOR THE
TREATMENT OF IBD

SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commission of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

December 22, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended up to and including January 3, 2005 by the filing of a Notice of Appeal, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

. Claims 1, 27 and 33 are amended.